

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

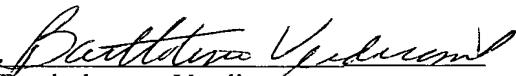
Claims 10 and 13 are canceled. Claims 1-9, 11-12, and 14-19 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" or "characterized by" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. practice. Additional amendments are made to remove multiple dependency. In addition, element numbers have been removed in accordance with U.S. practice. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and requests entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4791-4016. A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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